

SENATE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, February 13, 2015

Time: 2:30pm – 3:25pm

Room: 203 Anthony P Toldo

PRESENT: Dr. Majid Ahmadi, Ms. Penny Allen, Mr. Nick Baker, Dr. Fazle Baki, Mr. Iftekhar Ibne Basith, Dr. Mohsan Beg, Dr. Michael Boffa, Dr. Tirupati Bolisetti, Dr. Camille Cameron, Dr. Allan Conway, Dr. Gerald Cradock, Dr. Carol Davison, Dr. Jess Dixon, Dr. Gordon Drake, Dr. Phil Dutton, Prof. Donna Eansor, Ms. Gwen Ebbett, Dr. Anne Forrest, Dr. Laurie Freeman-Gibb, Dr. Maureen Gowing, Dr. Phil Graniero, Mr. Ronnie Haidar, Mr. Basit Ishtiaq, Ms. Vicki Jay Leung, Mr. Raed Kadri, Dr. Debbie Kane, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Ziad Kobti, Dr. Marlys Koschinsky, Dr. Joanna Luft, Dr. Charles Macdonald, Dr. Elena Maeva, Mr. Anthony Meloche, Dr. Ronald Meng, Ms. Alice Miller, Dr. Maureen Muldoon, Mr. Russell Nahdee, Dr. Robert Nelson, Dr. Jeff Noonan, Dr. Bob Orr (Acting Chair), Dr. Linda Patrick, Ms. Erin Plumb, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Lee Rodney, Dr. Antonio Rossini, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Dr. Valerie Scatamburlo-D'Annibale, Dr. Alan Scoboria, Dr. Patrick Selmi, Mr. Hassan Shahzad, Dr. Jill Singleton-Jackson, Dr. K. W. Michael Siu, Dr. Julie Smit, Dr. Clayton Smith, Mr. Peter Soteros, Dr. D. Stanley, Mr. Tareq Muhammad Supon, Dr. Kemal Tepe, Ms. Dhouha Triki, Dr. Bruce Tucker, Dr. Patricia Weir, Dr. Nancy Wright, Mr. Zheng Wu.

REGRETS: Dr. Ram Balachandar, Dr. Rick Caron, Ms. Farah El-Hajj, Mr. Christopher Langley, Dr. Andrzej Sobiesiak, Dr. Elizabeth Starr, Dr. Shelagh Towson, Prof. L. Walsh, Dr. Alan Wildeman (Chair), Dr. Alan Wright, Wu, Dr. Xiaobu Yuan, Dr. Shuzhen Zhao.

ABSENT: Dr. Abdul-Fattah Asfour, Mr. Emmanuel Igodan, Ms. Marilyn Farough, Dr. Norman King, Dr. Kevin Milne, Rev. Thomas Rosica.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Renée Wintermute and Alison Zilli (University Secretariat).

1 Approval of Agenda (Unstarring agenda items)

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. B. Tucker/Dr. E. King
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meetings of December 12, 2014

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2014 be approved.

Dr. V. Scatamburlo-D'Annibale/Dr. G. Drake
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items

Nothing to report.

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Report from the Student Presidents (UWSA, OPUS, GSS)

University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

Senators were informed that the events hosted during the University of Windsor's Frosh Week were very well attended. There were numerous events on and off-campus that were held throughout the week to engage students and reorient them back to the university for the winter semester. Senators were also informed that some representatives from UWSA are going to be attending a conference regarding sexual assault on university campuses to gather information and provide insight on this issue.

Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

Members were informed that OPUS will be holding its biennial elections to elect the OPUS Board of Directors as they hold positions for two-year terms. It was noted that OPUS has hired a Chief Returning Officer (CRO) to handle the elections.

Graduate Students Society (GSS)

The Graduate Student Society has raised over \$40,000 in scholarship funds and is inviting applications from current students. The awards will be allocated in the amount of \$500 each, based on eligibility and criteria. Given that there was significant interest and participation in the GSS Volleyball and Ping-Pong annual event, consideration is being given to hosting the event biannually.

5.2 Report of the President

Nothing to report.

5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague

Nothing to report.

5.4 Senate Student Caucus

5.4.1 Weighting of Initial Evaluations in a Course

Senators were informed that student concern was raised regarding the weight allocated to course evaluations that occur in the early part of a course. While students need to receive sufficient evaluative feedback prior to a Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) date (20%) in accordance with Senate policy, the goal would be to not to have the weight of the initial course evaluation be too high as the transition from high school to University can be challenging. Given this, consideration could be given to ensuring that first-year students have lower-weighted assessments at the beginning of the course and continuous assessment throughout the course instead of a few heavy weighted assignments or examinations. A discussion ensued.

It was noted that easing the transition of high school students into university, including enabling them to adjust to pedagogical differences and expectations in first-year courses, is advantageous as it may facilitate student success and reduce stress. However, it was also noted that this should not be done via an overly prescriptive policy. Instructors must retain the flexibility to cover their subject material in a way they deem appropriate for their course. With this in mind, Senators agreed that this item be referred to Academic Policy Committee for further review.

5.5 Program Development Committee

***5.5.1 Women's Studies Name Change**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Women's Studies Program Area be renamed Women's and Gender Studies.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***5.5.2 Program Course Changes**

***a) Computer Science – Minor Program Changes**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.2a for more details.)

MOTION 1: That the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours) (with or without co-op) be changed according to the program/course change forms.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

MOTION 2: That the program sequencing for the Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours Applied Computing) for University Graduates be changed according to the program/course change forms.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

MOTION 3: That the program sequencing for the Bachelor of Computer Science (General) for University Graduates be changed according to the program/course change forms.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***b) Communication, Media and Film - New Course Proposal**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.2b for more details.)

**MOTION: That the following course additions be made*:
40-350. Scriptwriting for Visual Media**

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***c) Languages, Literatures and Cultures – Minor Program Changes**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.2c for more details.)

MOTION 1: That the degree requirements for that Honours Modern Languages and Second-Language Education, Honours Modern Languages with Two Languages Option, Combined Honours Modern Languages, and Honours Modern Languages (with year abroad) be changed according to the program/course change forms.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

MOTION 2: That the academic regulations on language courses be changed according to the program/course change forms.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***d) Languages, Literatures and Cultures – New Course Proposal**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.2d for more details.)

MOTION: That the following course additions be made*:

07-437. Studies in German, Italian and Spanish Literary and Visual Culture

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***e) Economics - New Course Proposal**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.2e for more details.)

MOTION: That the following course additions be made*:

41-210. Games and Behaviour

41-416. Urban and Regional Economics

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***f) Engineering - Bachelor of Applied Science Co-op – Minor Program Changes**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.2f for more details.)

MOTION: That the Standing Required for Continuation in the Bachelor of Applied Science Co-op programs be changed according to the program/course change forms.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***g) MBA/JD – Minor Program Changes**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.2g for more details.)

MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Integrated MBA/JD program be changed according to the program/course change forms.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***h) Digital Journalism – Admission Requirements**

(See document Sa150213-5.5.2h for more details.)

MOTION: That the admission requirements for the Combined BA Honours in Digital Journalism programs be changed according to the program/course change forms.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

5.5.3 Master of Applied Economics and Policy – New Program Proposal

(See document Sa150213-5.5.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Master of Applied Economics and Policy - New Program Proposal be approved.

**Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

Dr. C. MacDonald/Dr. P. Weir

The Master of Applied Economics and Policy (MAEP) program is a course-based program that will provide students with knowledge and skills to apply economic theory in policy-making. Although the program is primarily aimed at international students, it will also be attractive and open to domestic students who want to become applied economists. Domestic students would be paying different tuition rate than international students. This cost-recovery program is structured so that a full-time student, with the necessary preparatory background, can complete the program in sixteen consecutive months. The Centre for Executive and Professional Education (CEPE) will be helping to facilitate the early stages of the recruitment process.

CARRIED

5.6 Academic Policy Committee

Nothing to report.

5.7 Senate Governance Committee

5.7.1 Senate Representatives on the Board of Governors

(See document Sa150213-5.7.1 for more details.)

Members were reminded that the University of Windsor Act provides for "*four members of the teaching staff elected by and from the members of the Senate*", to sit as members on the Board of Governors of the University of Windsor. It was noted that this particular term will commence in May and end in August 2015. The following nomination was received prior to the Senate meeting: Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Faculty of Engineering. The floor was open for nominations.

Dr. Nancy Wright, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences was nominated from the floor. Nominations were closed.

Members voted by secret ballot. The results of the secret ballot were as follows:
Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Faculty of Engineering

MOTION: That the ballots be destroyed.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. M. Saif

CARRIED

***5.7.2 Senate Governance Committee**

(See document Sa150213-5.7.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate approve that Dr. Darren Stanley serve as the Faculty of Education representative on the Senate Governance Committee.

***CARRIED**

5.8 Report of the Provost

Members were informed that the Associate Vice-President, Academic Search will be postponed until March 2, 2015 so that the incoming Provost Dr. Douglas Kneale will be able to be fully involved in the process as the chair of the Search Committee.

5.9 Report of Vice-President, Research and Innovation

Members were informed that there was an open house reception to launch the Entrepreneurship Practice and Innovation Centre (EPICentre) to students, staff, faculty and business partners. It was noted that the Centre operates as a business incubator for entrepreneurial activities on campus.

Members were also informed that an announcement was made to locate the Institute for Border Logistics (IBLS) at the Windsor International Airport. The IBLS will offer services and referrals to local and regional businesses that will expand cross border initiatives and engage in the movement of goods and people across the Canadian and US border.

Senators were informed that the University of Windsor will be offering its first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) which has participants signed up from around the world. It was noted that the course will culminate with an interactive conference on March 24th, 2015 in the Ambassador Auditorium. Students will be making three-minute Ted Talk style summaries of their research, which will be accessible online to anyone with Internet access.

The course is structured as a weekly sequence of activities and the purpose is to provide an online discussion forum to allow participants to engage with each other, with the common goal of sharing, learning and creating a sense of community amongst faculty, staff, students and community partners. The course is not for credit and comes at no extra cost to the university, as open course functionality is part of the online system Blackboard.

6 Question Period/Other Business

A warm round of applause was extended to Dr. Bob Orr who assumed the role of acting Provost, from March 2014 to March 2015.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. M. Saif/Dr. M. Gowing
CARRIED